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* Leaves Scale How at Easter.

NOTICES.

The Editor wishes to thank several students who have kindly helped with the Address List, especially Misses Bernau, Cooper, L. G. Edwards, Davis, and Henderson. If anyone sees any mistakes or omissions which she can rectify, the Editor would be more than grateful to hear from her.

It may interest students to know the following:—Miss C. F. Barnett is in Switzerland, engaged in translation work for publication; Miss C. J. Smyth is at home, on furlough; Miss G. Edwards has started a school at Rye; Mrs. Wakefield is in England, home from China; Miss Gore now manages the P.N.E.U. Painting Portfolio; Mrs. George

Tovey is in England, home from India; Miss R. M. Williams is teaching at an Indian Government School in Canada; Miss E. J. Carter is in England, home from Colorado; and Miss L. C. Dixon is temporary assistant organizer of L.C.C. Children's Care Work.

Messrs. Gowan & Gray, of 5, Robert Street, Adelphi, W.C., publish five little 6d. books, full of excellent photographs, of all the Cathedrals of France and England, which are of the greatest help in the architecture in Class III. The booklets are called "Cathedrals of England" (2 vols.) and "Cathedrals of France" (3 vols.), and they are also issued in two bound volumes at 1s. 6d. and 2s. respectively. There is a small amount of letterpress.

There were only five people at the Students' Meeting held on December 6th, the smallest of the term. The students present were Misses Kitching, MacSheehy, Gray, Evans, and Thorp, and Miss Franklin turned up just as we were all leaving. The talk turned naturally to the Conference, and also to the need felt by many of a transition class from Ib. to II. This is to be one of the subjects for discussion at the Conference.

Seventeen Students wended their way to Chilworth Street on January 3rd, and it was delightful to have such a good meeting for the first of the New Year, and we hope it promises well for large attendances at future meetings. It was a very representative gathering, too, for there were some who were there before Scale How days—one at least who has never even seen it—some who have only just finished their training, and one present and one future member of the staff. Many come in January who cannot come during term time, and it is pleasant to see fresh faces. We had hoped to have the pleasure of Miss Kitching's company, but found a letter from her saying that she and Miss Mason had been detained at Windermere, as the cold weather had made the latter unwell, but they hoped to return to Scale How in a day or two.

Of course, the Conference proved a topic of conversation, and all that has so far been arranged was made known by the Secretary. The Treasurer, too, had a profitable time, and received many subscriptions—always a welcome occupation. It is long since there has been such a large party to tea, but Mrs. Hartley was quite equal to the occasion, and provided most liberally. A telegram was received from Miss Evans, expressing regret at her absence, and the announcement that the next meeting on February 7th was to take the form of a Tango Tea, under the direction of Miss Faunce, was received with rounds of applause. The students present were: Misses Aldridge, Cooke, Chalmers, Davis, Disbrey, Drury, Fountain, Franklin, Gray, Mew, Millar, Parish, Mrs. Pringle, Misses Sharman, Smeeton, MacSheehy, and Young.

It is with great regret that the Editor has had to leave four particularly interesting articles for the next number.

The next number of L'UMILE PIANTA will appear on March 15th. All communications should reach the Editor (Fredville, near Dover) not later than February 23rd.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subscriptions for 1914 are now due, and I shall be glad if students will send them as early in the year as possible. I am grateful to all those who have already sent. The amount of the subscription is 3s. 6d.

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S.E.C. MEETINGS.

There have been two Committee meetings held since the last issue of the magazine, on November 29th and December 13th, both at 28, York Street Chambers, by kind permission of Miss Kitching. Seven out of a possible nine were present

each time, which was satisfactory. Both meetings were taken up with the planning of the Conference programme, and though a great deal yet remains to be done, there are a few things settled. The Conference part of the programme is still in the making, but the following "entertainment" is offered:—A reception at Scale How on the Saturday evening; meditation and tea at Scale How on Sunday afternoon; an expedition to Dungeon Ghyll on Monday, followed by an evening entertainment by the present students at Scale How, an afternoon "party" to the present students at the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Saturday afternoon and a fancy dress dance at Scale How on Tuesday evening as a grand finale.

Then just one word as to "Ways and Means." The Conference tickets will be 2s. 6d., which will be inclusive of everything, except the picnic. The cost of the drive to the Langdales and back will be 2s. 6d., but, of course, any who like to make their way there in any other way will be perfectly free to do so. Tea will be partaken of at the Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, and we hope everyone will find her way there for that meal. The charge for tea will be 1s. 3d. per head, for by each Old Student paying that amount, we shall be able to ask the whole of Scale How to be our guests, and the feeling was general that such should be the case.

We are hoping that this will be a record Conference as regards numbers. Tickets for the Conference, the drive and tea will be ready at the beginning of February, and will be sent on receipt of the money by Miss Gray.

The subjects that have been received for papers or discussion or debate at the Conference are as follows:—

1. A straight talk to students, pointing out our strong and weak places.
2. As to whether grammar be removed from our programme, or given as an alternative subject to Latin.
3. Picture Talk from two or three standpoints.
4. Memory Training.

5. A Musical Appreciation Class, and hints as to how to take the music programme.
6. French for Class III., and how to make languages interesting to children who dislike them.
7. The advisability of a Transition Class between IB. and II.
8. How to help untruthful children to become truthful.
9. Which subjects are best left out of Class II. programme when time is limited.
10. How Past Students can keep in touch with the newest features of the training at Scale How.
11. The teaching of spelling other than by dictation.
12. The Montessori Method: What helpful points may be gleaned from it.
13. Sport (not sports).
14. How far can a boy working in the P.U.S. be prepared for school?
15. An Association talk.
16. The duty of every student to link up the children she is teaching with a family or school less well off than themselves.
17. Home Education *v.* School Education.
18. How far formalism helps or hinders a religious spirit.
19. What experience has taught us, and how far theory fits facts in dealing with children—not *the* child.
20. Whether Committee members should necessarily live near London.
21. The possibility of doing the P.U.S. work while keeping strictly to the time-tables.

Will students read these through carefully, and if they have any criticism to offer, either for or against any of them, will they kindly send the same to their Committee member or to me, before the S.E.C. meeting on January 24th. Further suggestions will be gladly received, for we are anxious, as far as possible, to draw up a programme that will be a really helpful one, and one that will be acceptable to all.

LILIAN GRAY.

what is really half the interest of the article, namely, the author's signature. I take it that most of us take in the *PIANTA* and read it through, not so much for the sake of its literary value, nor for the information it contains, but because of the personal interest we have in each other and each other's doings. It is for this reason surely that a College magazine exists. We can turn to many other magazines, and learn from them all we want to know about literature and geography and art, but only in the *PIANTA* can we read what our College friends are thinking and experiencing, and this is what makes it valuable in our eyes. If these same friends refuse to reveal themselves, it is useless for them to write long and learned articles to the *PIANTA*. The *human* interest, which is what we look for there, is wanting. This at least is what I feel very strongly.—I am, yours truly,

ELIZABETH A. PYPER.

Scale How,
Ambleside.

DEAR EX-STUDENTS,—This is the last letter to you from some of us—for the next letter will find twelve new ex-students.

When we last wrote Mr. Browning's coming visit was very much to the fore in our minds, and we saw work alone ahead of us. But on October 25th our spirits rose, and we celebrated then "All Hallows E'en." Juniors, all in fancy dress, were received in the classroom at 6.30 by the ghosts of the Seniors. Of course, to arrive in the room at all they were obliged to pass down the passage of screens, and meet wet sponges, sliding mats, flashlights, hockey sticks, etc. All were safely through by 7 o'clock; the evening opened with a ghost eight-some, with the lights low. Then followed dancing and singing. A special song, composed for the occasion, was sung by one of the Seniors, with a chorus of ghosts.